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Colorado Agricultural Mediation Program



The Colorado Agricultural Mediation Program (CAMP) is the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) certified state mediation provider for the State of Colorado.

Mediation is a process that helps disputing parties to come together and have an open, honest, and confidential discussion about the issues. A trained mediator helps the parties explore options that are available to them and find an end to the conflict through mutually agreed upon solutions. The mediator does not act as a judge, deciding who is right or wrong. The parties themselves control the result of the mediation and any agreement that is developed. Confidentiality is the key to making mediation work, and mediation documents are not to be used for any other legal action.

The Federal Agricultural Credit Act of 1987 authorized the USDA's Farm Service Agency to help states develop [USDA Certified State Mediation Programs](#). CAMP, certified by the USDA in 2002, is funded through a grant provided by the USDA.

CAMP provides mediation services to agricultural producers, their creditors, and other persons directly affected by the actions of the USDA to resolve disputes. Mediation reduces participants' costs associated with administrative appeals, litigation, and bankruptcy. Areas of dispute commonly mediated include farm loans, price support payments, wetland determinations, conservation compliance, and Conservation Reserve Program payment eligibility and limitations. USDA agencies have also requested mediation for rural housing loans and other rural development issues, risk management/crop insurance cases, rural water loan programs, issues arising from grazing on National Forest System lands, pesticide use, and other issues that affect a producer's ability to make their loan payments.

More information regarding the mediation program can be found on the [CAMP](#) website, or by contacting Mark A. Gallegos, Program Administrator at mark.gallegos@ag.state.co.us or 303-867-9213.